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Week ending October 31, 2010

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 31, 2010**. Mississippi finally received enough rainfall last week to soften the soil enough for farmers to continue their harvest of peanuts and sweet potatoes. Also, the moisture helped those farmers planting winter wheat and forage. Cotton and soybean harvests were slightly delayed, but given the already advanced harvest, the progress is already well above the last few years. Soil moisture was rated 25 percent very short, 40 percent short, 26 adequate, and 9 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending October 31, 2010

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, harvested	100	100	94	99
Cotton, harvested	99	96	14	75
Peanuts, harvested	100	92	18	74
Rice, harvested	100	100	84	97
Sorghum, harvested	100	100	72	93
Soybeans, harvested	99	98	64	90
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	95	90	37	81
Winter Wheat, planted	52	31	12	26
Winter Wheat, emerged	21	10	4	14

Crop condition for week ending October 31, 2010

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Livestock	5	21	42	28	4
Pasture	28	41	14	17	0

Comments

“A one inch rain Sunday night brought some relief for food plots and winter grazing. I actually saw some ryegrass sprouting Friday. Now, if we could just get another inch in a few days.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Last week, we finally got some rain across the area, but we still need more rain for satisfactory wheat growth. The rain was enough for adequate soil moisture, allowing wheat planting to progress.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Some producers received multiple inches of rain, while others did not get enough to settle the dust.”

— Strider McCrory, Sunflower

“Most of this area received rain; however, amounts were variable. Some localities still have marginal soil moisture for planting cool season forage and grain crops. Thankfully, the harvest is almost complete as the result of clear weather.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Last week's showers settled the dust and provided enough moisture to germinate winter forage seeds that had been planted earlier. The practice of feeding hay will continue because perennial grass will not have enough time to regrow to provide an adequate amount of forage matter.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Recent rains, though welcome, put a short stop on harvest. I don't think anyone is complaining about the delay.”

— Bill Maily, Hinds

“Crops are out of the field, and wheat and fall tillage work are being completed.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“We received some rain, but still need more to get winter grazing germinated.”

— Pamela Redwine, Yalobusha

“Gins are finished, and growers are planting wheat and doing some fall tillage work.”

— Don Respass, Quitman

“Some wheat planted before last week’s rain has emerged. The remaining wheat plantings should be completed in the next few days.”

— Lester Stephens, Washington

“It is still very dry. Some parts of county received about three tenths of an inch of rain this week. Most planted ryegrass is just sitting because there is not enough moisture to emerge.”

— Carolyn J. Conger, Covington

“We are still in desperate need of rain to develop winter forage crops.”

— Amanda Walker, Lawrence

“Most of the county received a half of an inch of much needed rain. Ryegrass is beginning to emerge, but most producers are feeding hay earlier than normal due to drought. Most farm ponds are extremely low or dry.

— Tommy Bishop, Jasper

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending October 31, 2010

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
Upper Delta									
Clarksdale	84	36	62	59	3	2.03	1.13	2	2.40
Cleveland	86	36	63	61	2	2.71	1.80	2	3.22
Lambert 1W	85	31	62			1.23	0.39	2	1.64
Tunica 2N	84	40	65	58	7	2.50	1.57	3	2.69
Extreme/Average	86	31	63	59	4	2.12	1.21	2	2.49
North-Central									
Batesville	83	32	61	58	3	1.37	0.42	2	3.37
Hickory Flat	81	29	59	56	3	2.30	1.40	3	2.65
Holly Springs	84	27	59	56	3	1.80	0.81	3	1.96
Independence	82	30	61	57	4	1.93	1.11	2	2.41
Oxford	88	32	61	57	4	1.64	0.66	2	1.83
Extreme/Average	88	27	60	57	3	1.81	0.90	2	2.44
Northeast									
Booneville	82	31	60	56	4	1.27	0.36	2	1.36
Tupelo 2	86	34	62			2.68	0.00	2	2.87
Pontotoc Exp	84	33	64	58	6	2.46	1.65	2	2.80
Verona	85	33	63	58	5	2.95	2.19	2	3.40
Extreme/Average	86	31	62	57	5	2.34	1.45	2	2.61
Lower Delta									
Belzoni	85	35	64	60	4	0.58	-0.41	2	1.04
Moorhead				61		0.84	-0.05	2	1.17
Rolling Fork	90	34	66	60	6	0.47	-0.51	3	0.83
Yazoo City	88	36	66	61	5	1.14	0.09	3	1.70
Extreme/Average	90	34	65	61	4	0.76	-0.20	3	1.19
Central									
Canton 4N	89	32	65	60	5	1.60	0.64	3	2.02
Eupora 2E	86	30	66	58	8	1.01	0.09	2	1.01
Forest 3S	88	31	67	60	7	1.49	0.51	2	1.71
Kosciusko	84	32	63	59	4	1.12	0.14	3	1.34
Winona 5E	85	30	64	56	8	1.23	0.38	2	1.86
Extreme/Average	89	30	65	59	6	1.29	0.35	2	1.73
East-Central									
Aberdeen	86	36	63	58	5	0.61	-0.29	2	0.94
Columbus	88	32	64	60	4	2.18	1.31	4	2.18
Louisville	84	33	60	59	1	1.60	0.72	2	1.99
Macon	89	33	65	59	6	2.36	1.49	3	3.37
State University	87	33	64	59	5	0.94	0.08	2	1.25
Extreme/Average	89	32	63	59	4	1.54	0.65	3	1.46
Southwest									
Brookhaven City				61		0.09	-0.74	2	0.51
Crystal Springs	91	36	68	62	6	0.95	0.16	2	1.16
Oakley Exp	88	38	72	60	12	2.04	1.10	4	2.05
Natchez	87	35	67	63	4	1.82	0.81	2	5.17
Port Gibson				59		0.49	-0.43	1	1.27
Vicksburg	86	34	65			0.19	0.00	2	1.24
Extreme/Average	91	34	68	62	6	0.93	0.01	2	2.52
South-Central									
Collins	86	34	67	61	6	0.70	-0.18	2	0.85
Columbia	89	37	65	62	3	2.15	1.28	1	2.21
Monticello	93	44	75	60	15	0.15	-0.73	2	1.20
Raleigh 6N	89	31	67			1.54	0.00	3	1.61
Tylertown 5ESE	88	47	69	63	6	0.68	-0.27	3	1.18
Extreme/Average	93	31	68	62	6	1.04	0.17	2	1.21
Southeast									
Hattiesburg	90	47	75	62	13	0.12	-0.81	2	0.12
Laurel	88	35	67	61	6	0.18	-0.64	2	0.73
Waynesboro 2W	90	34	70	60	10	0.16	-0.61	2	0.54
Extreme/Average	90	34	71	61	10	0.15	-0.69	2	0.46
State	93	27	66	60	6	1.24	0.34	2	1.73

Departure from Normal.